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A Solid Front.

The declaration of Senator Palmer of Illinois in favor of Mr. McKinley as against Mr. Bryan is noteworthy. It may practically fore-shadow the action of the Indianapolis convention. The question from the first has been as to whether it would not be best for sound money democrats to go over openly to the republican nominees. It would be a union of endeavor, in which there is always the greater strength.

The difficulty will be in bringing the southern men to this view. Politics in the south for many years past has been very different from politics in the east and west. The line down there between the parties has been much more sharply drawn. Mr. McKinley, on personal grounds, is highly esteemed by many of the southern men, but still he is a republican, and open championship of him on the stump in the south by sound money democrats might prove too much for any but the strongest of the local leaders.

But the atmosphere is now so clear and the issue so thoroughly defined, the southern men will be confronted by a very persuasive argument. They are declaring in their own resolutions that the Chicago platform, if written into law, would ruin the country. They describe it as the sum of danger and wisdom, and they offer themselves to help defeat it at the polls. Then why not, they will be asked, take that step which would best insure its defeat? Why not double the effectiveness of their strength by voting for the republican ticket?

A second difficulty with the southern sound money democrats is that they are all free traders and have time and again denounced the high tariff policy as interpreted by Mr. McKinley in the strongest terms. It gravels them, therefore, even to have to consider contributing to his success indirectly. But General Palmer meets this by pointing to the fact that as between the policy of protection—even McKinley protection—and the policy, taken in its entirety, adopted at Chicago, democrats who favor sound money ought not to hesitate.

General Palmer's position is well taken. Men who oppose the policy of a high tariff do so on the ground that it is not as good as the policy of a low tariff. They think the country would enjoy greater and more undisturbed prosperity under a low tariff. But it is nowhere seriously held that a high tariff policy contains within itself the elements of destruction. The country can stand it—has stood it for years, and prospered under it. But could the country stand silver monometallism? Sound money democrats are among the most emphatic in answering, no.

The silver men, democrats, populists and republicans are getting together. The sound money men, if they would rise fully to the occasion, must also get together.

The "Extraordinary Emergency."

The Winfree case—the first that ever resulted in a conviction under the eight-hour law—is attracting a great deal of attention here and elsewhere. The matter to be determined is not as to the overtime employment of mechanics and laborers by government contractors—for that is admitted—but is whether there was or was not any "extraordinary emergency" which gave to the contractor the excuse for doing that which has gotten him into the courts. A jury has decided that no such emergency existed, but it would undoubtedly be a good thing to have the case pushed through the court of last resort so as to secure a definite ruling as to what constitutes the "extraordinary emergency" provided for in the statute. The basic principles of the eight-hour law commend themselves to most people. It would be well to have the emergency exception to the application of the law authoritatively determined in order that the law may not be evaded by a broadening of the exception until it is as large as the rule.

Another Unnecessary Sacrifice.

It is perhaps a fact that the young man who was struck and killed by a locomotive yesterday evening was in the eye of the law responsible for his own death. He was on the railroad company's right of way and, being a deaf mute, did not hear the oncoming train. Yet such a tragedy should be practically impossible; it would be impossible if city grade-crossings were abolished. The grade-crossing evil is admitted by every railroad man; it is dangerously evident to the general public, whose safety is continually threatened. Can anyone tell us what has become of the plans which showed how the grade-crossing could be locally eliminated? Occasionally—mostly during a session of Congress—those plans are hauled from their obscure resting place, are dusted, and are then displayed for the edification of those who delight in theories. Things are a trifle dull just now. Many people are out of town and the political campaign is hardly started. Why not trot out the plans for an airing?

The attention of the St. Louis baseball team is directed to the fact that the Washington team has rights which somebody is bound to respect. We object to being worse than tenth.

Mr. Richard Parks Bland should hasten home. Gold has been discovered in a cavern in Missouri. The electoral vote of the state is in danger.

Maryland's New Election Law.

If the Maryland election law is reasonably enforced it will not be long before Maryland becomes a model state in all that pertains to the operation of the franchise. At the opening of the court at Frederick Chief Judge James McSherry called the special attention of the grand jury to the statute which has not as yet been used to prosecute and punish. It is a good law. There ought to be such a law in every state in the Union. It provides that

"If at any election hereafter held in any city or county any person shall, by force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery or reward, or offer or promise thereof, or otherwise unlawfully, either 'directly' or 'indirectly' influence, or attempt to influence, any voter in giving his vote, or prevent or hinder, or attempt to prevent or hinder,

any qualified voter from freely exercising the right of suffrage, or by any such means induce or attempt to induce any such voter to exercise any such right, every such person shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in jail or in the penitentiary for not less than six months nor more than five years."

There is practically no limit to the scope of this statute. As Judge McSherry said, the terms are broad and sweeping; they cover and were intended to cover every case that can possibly arise and they were meant to reach all species of intimidation which cunning ingenuity could invent. The judge explained to the grand jury the comprehensiveness of the measure and must have made his meaning plain to every one of his hearers. A campaign of considerable importance is hand. All of the political parties will undoubtedly do their utmost to bring out the largest possible vote favorable to themselves. In view of what has happened—even in Maryland—in times not so long gone by, it might be well for those who pride themselves on being practical politicians to study carefully, and with a probable view to their own liberty of person, the entire statute.

Reforming Jackson City.

Washington cares very little whether the reforming of Jackson City is brought about through a sudden access of virtue on the part of the reformer or a desire on the part of that same alleged reformer to "get even" with neighbors who dwell in the immediate vicinity of the south end of Long Bridge. The matter of moment is the fact that Jackson City is being reformed; that the gambling dens and unlawful saloons and other places of evil resort are being closed up; that a community which has been a trench in the coarctation of decency is being discouraged out of existence. Efforts to reach such a consummation have been frequent, but the successes have been only temporary, and there have been many failures because the law or the law's execution has been weak. It is to be hoped that the present movement will bring about better and more lasting results.

The tendency of history to repeat itself should suggest to Mr. Gorman the desirability of taking precautions against some other man's monopolizing the pie after he has given all the valuable suggestions as to the baking.

Some of the gentlemen, who through force of circumstances are out of politics, may be moved by a contemplation of the embarrassments and uncertainties of the present situation to feel that they are not so badly off as they at first supposed.

By withholding his forgiveness from his son and daughter-in-law Mr. Vanderbilt will afford a chilling confirmation of the old proposition that finance and romance do not usually blend.

It must be confessed that, after all, Dr. Nansen has accomplished very little by his Arctic expedition beyond confirming weather bulletins previously received from that region.

If Spain will defer the castigation of this country until she has completed the subjugation of Cuba, it will be entirely safe not to interrupt the campaign to build warships.

As a host, President Cleveland will forget that Li Hung Chang has long been the dominant statesman of the big free-silver country on earth.

Mr. James J. Connett has taken a cough-drip and resumed his career as pugilist, which, owing to a slight hoarseness, he was compelled to interrupt.

Mr. Bryan's managers might begin by doing something to make the sentiment of "local pride" a little more nearly unanimous in Nebraska.

It is not yet certain whether the democratic committee proposes to utilize Mr. Gorman as a trusted adviser or merely as a mascot.

The force on the new city post-office building has slumped. There were only one hundred and thirty men at work today.

SHOOTING STARS.

"De man dat shows de mos' wear an' tear," said Uncle Eben, "ain't allus de one dat wuh'ks de habdes." De wus' writer in school guffin'ly manages ter git de mos' ink on 'is fingers."

A Chance for Unanimity. When the clouds have silver linings Near the sun's golden mist, Let silence on our hominings And be all himmaltists.

A Political Economist. "Dey ain't got down ter de bottom er dis financial question yet," remarked Meandering Mike. "Dey gone ter a heap er trouble, but dey don't catch de keynote er de situation."

"What er you got ter do wit finance?" inquired Plodding Pete. "What I've gotter do wit it is all right. I ain't de only man dat ain't got de price of a postage stamp, but tinks he kin run de government jes de same. Dey've wasted deir time takin' straw votes an' interviewin' de big men ter find out what kind o' money dey wants. But dey ain't got down ter real business yet."

"Why don't yer go in an' show 'em how?" "Dat's exactly whut I'm goin' ter do. At de nex' meetin' of de Society fur de Permutation of Perpetual Recreation I'm goin' ter move dat we have a committee appointed ter git expressions of opinion from de brewers of de country an' see what kind o' money dey'll decide on. An' w'at dey says 'll go."

She Resigned. "I don't know what we're coming to," said Mr. Cumrox, gloomily. "I guess I'll have to turn in and write my letters myself."

"Can't you employ an amanuensis?" asked his wife. "I thought I had one. She came to work this morning an' when she sat down to the typewriter I says to her, 'No, I want you to take down what I'm goin' to dictate exactly as I say it.'"

"Wouldn't she do it?" "No. She rose up an' said there was no use o' her tryin' to hold the position, 'cause she'd never learned to write dialect."

Before the Battle. Make way! Make way, good people, while I steer this ponderous boom! I am ready for the war-path—stand aside and give me room.

I have spent some time in training And I'm glad to say I'm gaining The strength that's necessary to permit me to resume.

I'll soon be fit to rally forth to win the cherished vote, For the cough-drip's in my pocket and the flannel's 'round my throat.

In a time which calls for efforts so heroic and immense We must strengthen our resources for assault and for defense;

And the all-important spot is In the region of the glottis. So we'll fortify our powers for a vocal strife in language.

Then nerve yourselves for shocks that will be felt in climes remote, For the cough-drip's in my pocket and the flannel's 'round my throat.

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At the price we're offering our stock of Boys' Long and Short Separate Woolen Pants it'll be economy for you to buy a new pair rather than to waste your time mending the old ones. And the looks!

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Sizes 14 to 19 years—all wool and neat, desirable patterns for dress or roughing it—

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Sizes 4 to 15 years. The strongest, staunchest woollens, made for service. Colors that won't show the dirt.

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